

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATION

Announces

**A Series of Public Forums to Receive Input on
The Draft “Application for Renewal and Recommitment to Quality and
Community in the Michigan Public Mental Health System”**

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration is drafting an Application for Renewal and Recommitment (ARR) for Michigan’s prepaid inpatient health plans (PIHPs). The ARR is based on the August 13, 2008, Concept Paper that described a five-year vision for improving the quality of public mental health services. The Concept Paper is posted on the MDCH web site at www.michigan.gov/mdch. The draft ARR will be posted October 3rd.

The purpose of the forums is to briefly review the draft ARR and receive feedback from interested parties – consumers, families, advocates, providers, CMHSPs and PIHPs. MDCH wants to know whether the proposed ARR dimensions of performance adequately address the issues raised in the Concept Paper, and whether, from the PIHPs’ perspective, the dimensions are reasonable to accomplish.

*Below are the dates, times and locations of the forums. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THESE FORUMS. NO RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED, EXCEPT FOR #2.** The content of the forums will be the same: MDCH staff will review the draft ARR for the first 45 minutes, then receive input for the remainder of the session. We look forward to seeing you at one of these locations.*

1. Tuesday, October 7 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Michigan Library and Historical Center Auditorium, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing. The parking lot is accessible from Kalamazoo Street.

2. Tuesday, October 7 - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, 426 S. Walnut Street, Lansing. This is a video conference session and only limited seating is available on-site. **Please call the Association at (517) 374-6848 at least four days in advance to set up video conference or to reserve a seat on-site.**

3. Wednesday, October 8 - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza Detroit Metro Airport Inn, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus

4. Thursday, October 9 - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Hilton Grand Rapids Airport Inn, 4747 28th Street, Grand Rapids.

5. Tuesday, October 14 - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Grand Traverse Resort, 100 Grand Traverse Boulevard, Acme.

If you have questions about the forums, please contact Nancy Steffen at steffenn@michigan.gov.